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First ¶ every parson,
vicare and Curate,
do so order the co-
mon seruice within
the city of Norwich
& other lyke places
where be diuers pa-
rish churches in one
tounne, that it maye
be doon on y^e sodaye,
by nine of the klok,

besoze the beginning of the sermon, where any
is appointed, y^e al the people after comō prayers
be doon in their parish churches may resort the-
ther to heare the sermon.

2. Item that as many of them as be entred into
orders, do saie the morning and euening praiers
dailie in Englishe or Latten, either openly or pri-
uatelie, that they may be the more reddie in the
Scriptures.

3. Item that they see vnto their Clerks & Ser-
tens, if they doo ring at the buriall of the deade,

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noone,

noone oz curpheue, they ring but one peall, & that
berie short, omitting all other vnnecessarie rin-
gings as it is prescribed by order taken herin.

4 Item that they neither suffer the Lordes ta-
ble to be hanged and decked like an aulter, ney-
ther vble any gestures of the popish masse in y^e time
of ministracion of the communion, as shifting of
y^e boke, washing, breathing, crossing oz such like.

5 Item that they baptize not children on the
wourking daies, oz when the congregacion is
not come together, except it be thought that eui-
dent Jeoperdie require the contrarie.

6 Item that they marie no yonge folkes, except
they examin them befoze, whether they can saue,
the articles of the Christian faith, the Lordes
prayer and the ten commaundemēts: and if they
can not: then to stay them from going forwards,
till they can saie them. Likewise that they exa-
min the godfathers and godmothers, when they
come to baptize childre in y^e same points: secretly,
& modestly, bearing with the age of som parsons.
For howe can they be sureties for an other to be
instructed in that faith, wiche they can not skill of
them selves. Thirdlie y^e they suffer none to come
to the holie communion, except they also knowe
the same necessarie points of Religion.

7 Item y^e they marie none befoze dewet time, y^e
is befoze six of the clock in the somer, and seven in
the winter, at what tyme the broade daie light
doth appeare.

8 Item that they preache they^r sermons limited
by the Q. Majesties Intunctions that is euerie
moneth

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moneth one ozels at the least wies get them to be
preached, so that they them selves preache foure
tymes in the yere in their own parsones beeing
habled thereto by theyr ordinarpe if they can
not preache then to reade som homely set out by
the Queens Maiestie.

9 Item that they with suche Diligent trauail
industrie and conference Do euerie weke reade &
peruse two chapters of the newe testament and
studie the same that they may be able to answere
to all matters conteyned therein with the trewe
vnderstanding therof to begynne with Saint
Mathewes gospel and after with saint Johns,
and so consequentlie till they begon ouer and so
to the Epistles. This to begynne in August next,
& to make accompt to suche as bi the saied reuered
father shalbe appointed y first tuesdaye of euerie
moneth following. And besides this they shal al-
so cause euerie quarter one sermon at the least to
be preached at ther benefices bi some learned prea-
cher till they be hable to preache them their selves.
To this taske as touching y chapters the curates
also be enioyned though they haue no benefices.

10 Item that they teach the Catechisme eue-
rie sondaye and euerie holidaye one howre at the
leaste befoze euening prayer and to beginne the
same the first sondaye in August next & so to con-
tinue euerie sondaye and holydaye.

11 Item y they warne the parents & maisters
to cause theyr children and youthe to learne the
Catechisme, either in scholes oz els at home so as
they may be examined by y minister euerie sodaye

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and holydaie that they may make answere to the ministers standing in the pulpet Demāding questions of them and this shalbe doon immediatlye after the last peale to evening prayer.

12 Item that they requyre the yonge folkes bⁿ married to resorte to the hearing of the childre examined and rendering of the Catechisme to content that they by hearing may learne the same, & therby (besides discharge of their dewty towards God) auoid worldlie rebuke and shame whyche shuld happē vnto them, if they shoulde be reiected from mariage for ignoraunce of the christiā faith, the Lordes Prayers, and the tenne Commandementes. Exhorting also the elder married folkes to be present bothe for the good example of the youthe & also to learne them selves, by hearing if they by reason of euill education in tyme of ignoraunce, haue not been sufficientlie instructed in tymes past.


13 Item y^t they see the places filled vp in walles or ells where, where imagies stode, so as if ther hadde been none there. The stones foundaciōs or other places, frames or Tabernacles deuised to aduance Imagerie, holywaterstones also to be quite and clean taken away and the places where they were set, comelie and Decentlie to be made vp with conuenient expedicion, or ells to declare to the ordinarie the lettes & staies therof as sone as may be.

14 Item that euerie Parson, vicar, Curate and reader, shall every quarter ones, reade opely in the pulpet the Quenes maiesties Iniunctiōs,
and

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and also these present Injunctions with the confession hereunto annexed, and besides that, get him a copie of these Injunctions and set them vp by the last of Septembre in some conuenient place of the church quier there to remaine still to be seene of them that lyst to reade them.

15 Item that y^e maister, p^rest, and other gouernours of all hospitals be vigilant and look diligently, as wel to the wel ordering and godly instructing of the sick & sore people within y^e same hospitals: as also to the vertuous and godli education of the children and other youth there, so as they may be taught to folow & fauour the sincere verities of almighty God, as it is now manifestly set forth by the Quenes most excellent Maie^{tie} & that they them selues also be folowers therof.

Interrogatories.

 Whether the parsons, vicare, curate, or reader doth reade the commō service with a lowde, distinct, and treatable voyce.

2 Whether the lessons epistels and gospels be redde or sōge so as they may be plainly harde of the people.

3 Whether the parson or vicare preach or cause to be preached in his church euery moneth one Sermon.

4 Whether euery parson or vicare preache in his owne parson one sermon euery quarter, if there be no sermō they reade the homilies plainly
and

and distinctlie according to the Iniunction.

5 Whether to the uttermost of their wit power knowledge & learning they do with out colour or dissimulation, Declare four tymes yeaerlye in their seuerall sermons or exhortations that the power of the Bishop of Rome and all other forreyn power, are iustlie taken away.

6 Whether they doo exhorste the people to remember the pooze after the homelye when they reade the sentences exhorting the Almoze.

7 Whether they teache the youthe of theyr parish the Lordes prayer, the articles of the faith, the tenne commaundements and the Catechisme euerie sundaie and holidae.

8 Whether they and their churche wardens haue provided in theyr parish a Byble in the largest volume, and Erasmus paraphrasis vpon the newe Testament.

9 Whether they declare to their parishes any thing to the extolling or setting fourth of bayne and superstitious religion.

10 Whether the parson or vicare being absent hath left vpon his benefice an honest learned & expert Curate.

11 Whether any minister or priest in the tyme of trouble haue deuorced him self from his wife and whether his wyfe hath been maryed to any other man sithen, or that he himself hath married any other woman without iudgement of the Church.

12 Whether the Priestes, and Deacons saye daylie the morning and euening seruite, openely or priuately.

13 Whether any y^etoke orders in king Edwards daies not contented with that, were ordered agayne in Quene Maries daies.

14 Whether the parson or vicare, or any for him hath bought his benefice or hath come by it by simonie fraude or Deceipte.

15 Whether the parson or vicare haue moze benefices then one.

16 Whether any of your benefices be vacant, & howe longe they haue so been & who is the patrō.

17 Whether ther be any laye or temporall men not being within orders or children that hath or enioyeth any benefice or spirituall promotion.

18 Whether there be any patron that suffereth any benefice to be vacant and taketh the tythes and other dueties to him selfe.

19 Whether any parson, vicare or Curate geue any euell example of lyfe, whether they be incontinent parsones, Drōkards, haunTERS of rauernes, alehouses or suspect places: dyces, tableys, cardes, swearers or vehemently suspected therof.

20 Whether they haue receiued any parson to the holie cōmunion openlie knowne to be out of charitie or diffamed wth some notozious crime befoze he hath made sufficient recompence for his wronge or euell doing.

21 Whether they haue a fitte and Decent table to minister the communion on.

22 Whether the parson or vicare being not resident vpon his benefice geueth the fourty parte therof, to the poore of the parishe.

23 Whether any parson or vicare findeth but a

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reader

reader vnder hym where he shoulde fynde
Minister.

24 Whether the chauncell, the bodie of y^e pa-
rishe churche oz chapell, the parsonage and vike-
rage house, and other belonging to the same: be
in good reparacions, and whether the better co-
ueringes of any of them haue been pulled of and
wozse set in the place and by whome.

25 Whether they celebrate the communion wth
lesse nombre then foure oz thre communicantes at
the least in suche parishes wheare there be xx.
parsones of discretion & in greater parishes with
out a greater number.

26 Whether if there be more Priestes in any
churche then one: they doo all communicate with
the minister when the cōmunion is celebzate.

27 Whether that any reader being admitted
but to reade: taketh vpon him to baptize, to ma-
rie, to celebzate the Lords supper oz to distribute
the Lords cup.

28 Whether they baptize childzen in any other
daies then the sundaies and holidaies except it
be thought need that they should be baptized at
home.

29 Whether they haue married any without
banes asking, oz if y^e parties married be of diuers
parishes, whether they haue married them wthout
certificat from the parson oz parsones where
they were asked: oz haue married any y^e be out
of their owne parishes not licenced therunto, oz
hath not openly denounced they^r certificat oz li-
cence accordigly at the tyme of mariage oz hath
married

married any parson not in due place or conuenient tyme.

30 Whether they haue exhorted yong folke to absteine from priuie contractes and not to mary without the consente of suche their parentes and freends as haue authoritie ouer them.

31. Whether they haue admitted to þ holie table, any of an other parishe except they be strangers without the licence of þ ministre frō whence they came.

32 Whether that there be any þ preacheth out of their owne parishes not licenced therunto, or els taketh vpon thē to preache being not ordeyned nor licenced therunto.

33 Whether the maister and gouernours of the hospitall within Norwiche and other hospitals w^{ch} in the Diocese of Norwiche doo looke diligentlie to the well orderyng and godlie instructing of the sicke & soze people within the same hospitals.

34 Whether the youth within y^e same hospitalls be taught to fauour and folowe the sincere verys^e tye of almightie God as it is now set forth by the Queenes moste excellent Maiestie.

For the duetie of church wardaines.



Whether they haue prouided a comelie and honest pulpet to be set in a comeli place of þ church.

2 Whether al aulters, images, holie water stones, pictures, paintings, as of Chassumption of the blessed virgin, of the descending of Christ into the virgin in the fourme of

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a lytle boy at Chanunciacion of the Aungell, and
al other superstitious and dangerous monumēt's
especiallie paintings & Imagies in walle, boke,
cope, Banner oꝛ els where, of the blessed trinitie
oꝛ of the father (of whom ther can be no Image
made) be defaced and remoued out of the church
and ot her places and are destroyed & the places
where such impietie was: so made vp, as if there
had been no suche thing there.

3 Whether that any Imagies, beades, bokes of
sarvice, oꝛ vestiments not allowed by lawe be re-
serue d of any mā oꝛ in any place, by whome and
where they be reserued.

4 Whether they knowe any man that refuseth
to contribute to the Almes of the pooꝛe as a thing
not rightlie appointed and discourageth other frō
suche charitable Almes.

5 Whether the Churchwardeynes haue proui-
ded a strong chest, foꝛ the pooꝛe mens boꝛe and
haue fastened it in a fytte place.

6 Whether y^e church money comyng of mouea-
ble stockes money geuē to fynde toꝛches, tapers,
lamp light not payde out of any lands, be imple-
yed to the pooꝛe mens boꝛe oꝛ no?

7 Whether the Churchwardeynes of euerie
parishe doo dulye lebye and gather of the good's
and lands of euerie suche parsonē y^e cometh not to
his owne parishe church vpon the sondaies and
hollydaies and there heare the deuīn seruice and
God's worde redde and preached xii. d. foꝛ euerie
suche offence, and whether thei haue distributed
the same money to the pooꝛe.

whether

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8 Whether there be a register had and kept faithfully of Christenings and Burials.

For Scholemaisters and
theyr office.



Whether any Scholemaister take vpon him to teache not allowed by the ordinarie.

2 Whether they moue and teache theyr childzen Duellie to reuerence & loue the trewe religion y^e is nowe

set fourth.

3 Whether they teache their childzen suche sentences out of the scripture as may frame them to Godlynes.

4 Whether they teache any other gramer then suche as is appointed by the Quenes Maiesties Injunctions annexed to the same.

For Clarkes and theyr dutie.

Whether that the songe in the Churche be modest and distincte so deuised and vsed that the ditte may plainly be vnderstand.

2 Whether they vse to sing any nomber of psalmes, dirige lyke, at the buryall of the Deade or do any other thing otherwise then it is appointed by the comon order of the seruice booke.

3 Whether they vse to ring oft or longe peales at the buryall of the Dead or vse muche iangling in festiuall daies in ringing none or curphew.

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For the people and theyr duetie.



Whether there be any mā that mocketh
or iesteth at the deuine seruice, or at y
ministers therof or speaketh any thig
bi iest or earnest to the dispising, dero-
gacion or letting therof.

2 Whether any man hath burned or caused the
holy Byble to be burned, tozne or defaced or hath
conueyed it out of the Churche that it should not
beredde of the people.

3 Whether any parishoner denieth to receyue
the sacraments and other rites ecclesiasticall ac-
cording to y boke aucthorized by comō authority.

4 Whether any man is known to haue saide,
or heard masse sithens it was abrogate by lawe,
wherher any man maketh any singing cakes to
say masse with all, reserueth vestiments, superal-
taries, masse bookes or other instruments of this
supersticion.

5 Whether any doo deferre theyr childzento be
baptized be yond y next fundaie or holidai after
their birth and vpon what causes they do so.

6 Whether any be so hastie to baptize their chil-
dren that hauing no nede they will not tary till y
next holiday that the child may be partaker of the
prayers of the whole churche, then present.

7 Whether any haue married with in the de-
grees of consanguinitie prohibited by the lawes
of God, ether whether any married without those
degrees, haue vlawfully forsaaken theyr wyfes
or husbands or married others.

whether

8 Whether any man kepeth in his house any abused Images namely suche as be remoued out of the churche, or S. Johns head. S. Catheryn, S. Nicolas or suche lyke.

9 Whether any body vseth beades laten pry-mers or any other prayer bookes then that be allowed by publike authority to be used.

10 Whether there be any that mainteyneth any heresie or false opinion contrary to Goddes word.

11 Whether there be any that exerciseth sorcery, sooth saying, whytchcraft or suche lyke curpous artes.

12 Whether there be any incontinent parsones Druncardes, swearers, blasphemers of the name of God, raylers at religion or faultie in any other enormouse crime or vehementlie suspected of the sam.

13 Whether there be any that neglecteth to resort comonly to his parishe churche and there abydeth orderlie and soberlie during the tyme of seruices.

14 Whether there be any that vseth byeng, selling, dwelling, caryng to and fro of cloth, following his occupation, geueth himselfe or causeth his to labour bodelie or to attende their occupation on the saboth daie, hindring bothe themselves and theyrs, therby to learne gostly things.

15 Whether therbe any that walketh or talketh in the Church at service tyme or goeth out without vrgent nede.

16 Whether therbe any bodye otherwise occupied at service time then to here & marke the same
or els

ozels suffer they? children to disturbe the diuine
seruice.

17 Whether any parson of discretion hath not
comunicate thise in the year and in especially at
easter last past who they be and what be they?
names.

18 Whether any hath married the banes not
being lausfully asked befoze except he had a dispē-
sacion of the ordenarie.

19 Whether fathers, mothers, maisters, and
Dames sendeth out their children and seruauntes
to be instructed in the Catechisme on sondates
and holidais.

20 Whether vinteners oz they that kepe bitaya-
ling houses doo sell meate oz drynk in
tyme of seruice oz sermons.



